



In past Communicators to the Force, we have discussed the building blocks that make our units ready to deploy. Since you are the ones that put those blocks together, you know it does not happen overnight.

The chart on the back of this page shows just how long it takes to get two Marine Reserve Infantry Battalions fully capable to support a combatant commander anywhere on the globe.

Five years is how long it takes.

Our SMCR Marines get only 38 training days a year, which over five years adds up to 190 days. This is very similar to the continuous 180 days an active-duty unit uses to complete its pre-deployment training cycle. Each Reserve unit in the Force is at a different stage of that cycle.

Do you know what stage you, your unit and your family is at?

Ultimately, the preparations you must make are still the same as the active component, so use the time you have wisely. Make the most of it because the enemy does not care about five-year training plans. You can still be called upon to fight tonight.

Semper Fidelis

BY THE NUMBERS

* Current as of February 20, 2018

Total Select Reserve 38.493

Selected Marine Corps Reserve 30,654

Active Reserve 2.250

Trainees 3.081

Individual Mobilization Augmentees 2,508

RESERVE SITES

Tenant Locations 133

Owned Sites 27

Family Housing Sites

TOTAL MARINE CORPS RESERVE 100,318

Active Component End Strength 184,820

U.S. Navy End Strength 1,601

Authorized SelRes End Strength 38,493

Individual Ready Reserve 61,825

Exercises: 210 Operations: 603 Total Deployed: 813

LEADERSHIP

* Click on the names below to view their official photo and biography

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COMMAND MASTER CHIEF, MARINE FORCES RESERVE

4TH MARINE DIVISION

ATH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

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ESERVE CMDCM RYAN STRACK
MAJ.GEN. BURKE W. WHITMAN
BRIG.GEN. BRADLEY S. JAMES
BRIG.GEN. HELEN G. PRATT
BRIG.GEN. MICHAEL F. FAHEY





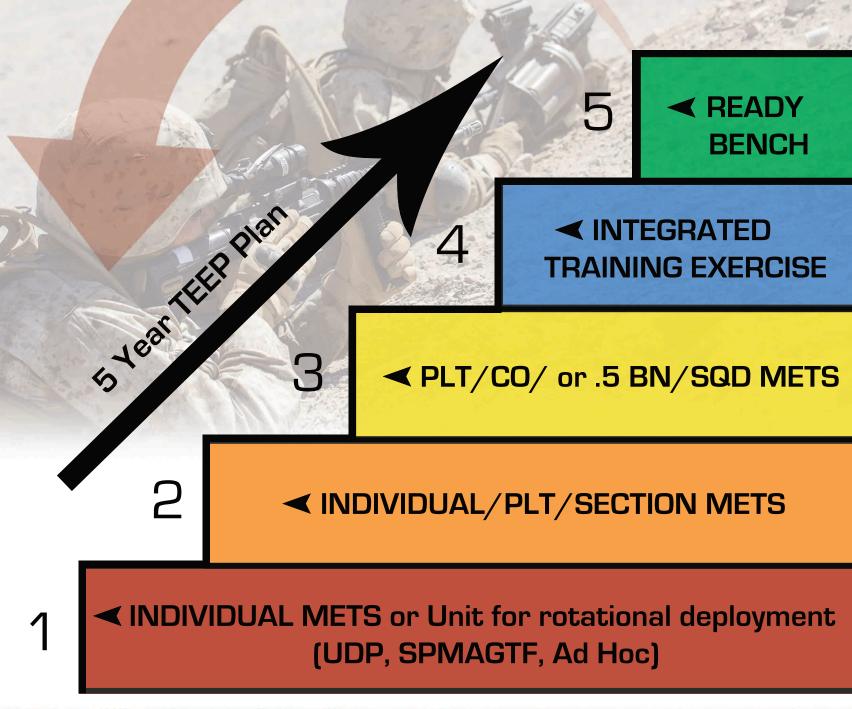




- INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT READINESS CHART

FIVE YEAR PATH TO RESERVE READINESS 38 TRAINING DAYS = 1 YEAR

THIS CHART DISPLAYS THE READINESS PREPARATIONS THAT TWO
MARINE RESERVE BATTALIONS MUST COMPLETE TO BE READY TO
DEPLOY. EVERY YEAR, THERE ARE PAIRS OF BATTALIONS AT DIFFERENT
STAGES OF THIS CYCLE.



ARE YOU READY TO FIGHT TONIGHT?